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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: LEAHY VETTING FOR MG BENNY GANTZ

¶1. (SBU) DOD has invited the individual named in para 2 to attend the 4th Annual Sovereign Challenge Conference, scheduled for November 17-20, 2008. Participation costs will be covered by DOD Counterterrorism Fellowship Funds. Post has no derogatory information on this individual. Post requests that Department vet this individual per Leahy Amendment requirements. Posts requests Department response no later than October 24 (the registration deadline).

¶2. (SBU) Biographical Information:

LAST NAME: Gantz
FIRST NAME: Benjamin (aka: Benny)
GENDER: Male
DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH: 9 June 1959/Israel
RANK/SERVICE: Major General, Israel Defense Force (current Israeli Defense Attaché to U.S.)
PASSPORT: unknown (Israel)

¶3. Embassy Point of Contact is Political Officer Van Reidhead; tel: 972-3-519-7565; unclass e-mail: reidheadve@state.gov; classified e-mail: reidheadve@state.sgov.gov

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